



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## JUNE 3, 2013 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, June 3, 2013 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of May 20, 2013. Combs, Brown and Corman present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Combs announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Combs approved the Agenda as submitted and the May 20, 2013 minutes as submitted. Chuck Mittan, News reporter for the Superior Express is present for the meeting.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Executive Secretary met with the Board to update them on the current activities of the County Road Department. Warren noted that all blades are out blading the county roads this week along with 3 gravel trucks. Warren informed the Board that the gravel coming from the Deweese Gravel pit is too fine for use on the gravel roads and will not be getting more unless they can promise better quality. Warren updated the Board on Project C-65 (594), Elk Precinct between Sections 22 & 23, T3N-R5W. They will be moving to Project C-65 (605), between Section 32, T2N-R5W (Spring Creek Precinct) and Section 5, T1N-R5W (Hardy Precinct) this week. Last week they were busy spotting problem areas with flags due to the storms. Most of the storm damage was North of Highway 4, from the Deweese Road, East to the County line. There was water over the road and washing in corn stalks to add to the drainage problems. Warren brought in a sample of the 'flex tube' signs for the Bridge Sign Project. The posts are designed to flex if they are caught by large farm equipment, etc. that are going over bridges. In the past the signs would be removed or knocked over. The Commissioners submitted county road complaints by residents in their districts, to Warren to have addressed. Warren reported they volunteered some trucks for the clean up effort in Edgar from the tornado damage last week. It was determined that the Board and Warren will be doing job interviews on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Wagner, Co-owner to Wagner & Associates P.C. met with the Board to update them on Bridge Projects he has been working on for projects on the 1 & 6 Year Plan.

Clerk Kassebaum; Clerk Magistrate, Wehrman; Treasurer Ensign; Assessor Rogers; District Court Clerk Gonzales were all present for the Elected Officials and Department Head Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**A motion was made by Brown and the motion was seconded by Combs to accept the County Clerk, Treasurer, County Court, District Court's May 2013 Board Reports and the Sheriff's March 2013 Board Report as submitted. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Gonzales brought in the new laptop computer that was purchased for the Veterans' Service Office for them to see. It is a Samsung. Gonzales reported it is lightweight and sturdy and ultra thin. The cost was \$1,165.00. Gonzales will need to still purchase an optical drive and Microsoft Office program and possibly some additional equipment. The total cost will still be within the \$1,500.00 which was authorized for the purchase.

Clerk Kassebaum reported she had received notice from the Tax Equalization and Review Commission that the Prayer Center in Nelson Nebraska has filed an Appeal of the decision made by the Nuckolls County Board of Equalization for their Tax Exemption Status. Rogers gave the Board an update on the status of this property.



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Assessor Rogers, Treasurer Ensign and Clerk of the District Court Clerk Gonzales was present for the session of discussion on the Re-Appraisal Contracts for the Assessors Office. Rogers noted the County is on a 6 year cycle for re-appraisal of the County. The current contract is expired and Rogers is requesting to have a Bid letting for the re-appraisal of the East half of Rural Nuckolls County. The Board gave their approval to go ahead and set the dates for June.

Clerk Kassebaum updated the Board on some miscellaneous issues within the County. The clocks in the Courthouse Clock Tower have been reset and are working again. The wireless router for the commissioners room is not working and needs replaced. Kassebaum submitted a letter to the Board from Nebraska Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln for Nebraska Wind Energy and Wildlife Project.

Clerk Kassebaum gave the Board the 2013 Notice of Valuation Change for the County owned farm ground located in Part of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 25-T5N-R7W (Nelson Precinct). The valuation on 11.5 acres changed from 18,690 to 20,415.

**A motion was made by Brown and the motion was seconded by Corman to approve the 2013/2014 County Match Request from Region 3 Behavioral Health Services in the amount of \$9,290.91. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Corman and the motion was seconded by Brown to approve the 2013/2014 budget request from first Probation District in the amount of \$2,154.30. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Brown and the motion was seconded by Corman to approve the application for the 2013 membership with Heritage Highway, Byway 136 Association in the amount of \$100.00. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Nuckolls County Elected Officials, Vicki Ensign; Susan Rogers and Royce Gonzales met with the Board regarding the discussion on the Temperatures in the Courthouse. Also present is Lisa Kovanda, Amy Mazour and Carrie Miller. Members of the Board noted the temperature issue in the Courthouse is not getting any better as employees do not understand how the system works. The system works with setpoints and the cool or heat will turn on within 1.5 degrees on either side of the setpoint. Some employees were wondering if you could turn the heat off. It was noted the system does not work that way. There are variations in each office setpoint and as long as 1 office is calling for heat it will turn on. The same way works for the cool. It was noted that if every office was to set their temperatures the same the heat would not come on. An issue was brought up that two different offices had their temperatures set at the same temp and one office was calling for heat and the other was calling for cool. It was noted that the Board does not want calls every week to change the temps for an individual office. It was noted that one office may be comfortable at 76 degrees where another office is comfortable at 72 degrees. Several things contribute to the different temperature issues for each office such as how far the water travels from the boiler to the units at the other end of the courthouse, the outside temps and the sun shining in the offices. Commissioner Brown noted the system works.

Scott Stemper, Executive Director for Area Substance & Alcohol abuse Prevention met with the Board to request financial support of \$5,000.00 for Nuckolls County's portion of expenses. Stemper submitted a report on Prevention Data Summary for Adams, Clay, Nuckolls & Webster Counties from January 2009 to December 2012. Stemper noted that they have served 241 clients in Nuckolls County. Stemper addressed the issue that they no longer receive a Federal Grant which funded ASAAP \$25,000.00 last year. Stemper is asking Nuckolls County to help continue the work they do in Nuckolls County by supporting ASAAP with \$5,000.00. **A motion**



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**was made by Corman and the motion was seconded by Brown to defer the request to a later date in the budget process. Combs voted Nay, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye. Motion carried.**

Ron Fryda, Wildlife Specialist with the USDA Wildlife Services met with the Board to request \$7,798.00 for the 2013/2014 budget. Fryda noted this amount is an increase by \$153.00 from last year. There has not been an increase in 3 years for Nuckolls County. Fryda also noted that he has overspent his budget in Nuckolls County by \$49,000.00 due to the large amount of calls he receives for complaints in loss of livestock, and other damage due to wild animals. He recovered 226 critters last year with 76 of them being coyotes. He gets calls on red foxes, skunks, raccoons and even turkey vultures. **A motion was made by Brown and the motion was seconded by Corman to approve the request by the USDA, Wildlife Services in the amount of \$7,790.00 for the fiscal year 2013/2014. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

**Susan Rogers, Assessor met with the Board to get approval for the Maintenance & Support Services Agreement for the Assessor GIS WebGIS Support with GIS Workshop, Inc for the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$2,500.00 and the Maintenance & Support Services Agreement for the Assessor Support with GIS Workshop, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$2,750.00. A motion was made by Combs and the motion was seconded by Corman to approve both agreements with GIS Workshop, Inc. for the Assessor's Maintenance and Support Services. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Rogers also submitted the 2013 Level of Value for Nuckolls County. Residential Real Property is assessed at 98% of Value, Commercial Real Property did not have enough information and Agricultural Land was set at 73% of total value. These numbers were determined by the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission.

**A motion was made by Combs and the motion was seconded by Brown to enter Executive Session at 11:25 a.m. for Personnel Reasons with Commissioners Combs, Brown and Corman present along with Gary Warren. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Corman and the motion was seconded by Brown to leave Executive Session at 11:56 a.m. to reconvene in regular session. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Brown and the motion was seconded by Corman to enter Executive Session at 11:57 a.m. for Personnel Reasons with Commissioners Combs, Brown and Corman present along with Cindy Buescher. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Corman and the motion was seconded by Brown to leave Executive Session at 12:14 p.m. to reconvene in regular session. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

Chairman Combs recessed for lunch at 12:19 p.m.  
Chairman Combs reconvened at 1:06 p.m. for regular session.

**A motion was made by Corman and the motion was seconded by Combs to enter Executive Session at 1:13 p.m. for Personnel Reasons with Commissioners Combs, Brown and Corman present along with Tim Stutzman and Clerk Kassebaum. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**



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**A motion was made by Corman and the motion was seconded by Combs to leave Executive Session at 1:43 p.m. to reconvene in regular session. Combs voted Aye, Brown voted Aye, Corman voted Aye, 0 voted Nay. Motion carried.**

The following claims were approved:

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
Adams County Clerk - District Court	mental health board	\$	1,206.75
Aramark Uniform Services	rugs and mats	\$	560.52
AS Central Services	teletype services	\$	461.00
Axis Capital, Inc.	copier lease	\$	148.00
Boeka, Donna	meal/mileage reimbursement	\$	60.16
Business World Products	office supplies	\$	724.90
C & M Supply - Nelson	fuel	\$	147.70
City of Nelson-utilities	utilities	\$	1,574.55
County Veteran's SVC Officers Assoc	registration fee	\$	200.00
Dell Marketing L.P.	data processing	\$	1,116.78
Eakes Office Plus	office supplies, print & publish	\$	147.67
Effenbeck, Julie	public defender contract	\$	1,800.00
Ensign, Vicki	mileage reimbursement	\$	69.14
Fangmeier, Crystal	mileage & telephone allowance	\$	138.60
Galls An Aramark Company	uniform allowance	\$	95.47
Glenwood Telecommunications Inc.	office equipment lease	\$	227.27
Hall County Corrections	inmate boarding and medical	\$	3,412.99
Hall County Sheriff	sheriff's fees	\$	18.50
Hanson, Christon	district court witness fees	\$	34.69
Himmelberg, Kenneth	mileage and meal reimbursement	\$	42.51
Hometown Leasing	office equipment lease	\$	360.88
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	surveyor fees	\$	525.00
Jones, Doris	prior service	\$	22.00
Klein, Deborah	contractual services	\$	1,700.00
Kotinek, Robert	data processing equipment	\$	1,165.48
McClure, Christopher C.	abandoned cemetery costs	\$	320.00
Menards-Hastings	Janitorial, build & grounds supplies	\$	34.51
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	data processing	\$	90.00
Miller, Carrie	Mileage, meal reimbursement	\$	56.45
MIPS Inc.	data process & print and publish	\$	912.20
NACO	registration fee	\$	80.00
NE Dept. of Health & Human Services	institutional costs	\$	462.00
Nelson Food Center	janitorial & misc supplies	\$	315.60
Nuckolls County Clerk of District Court	district court costs	\$	32.00
Nuckolls County Court	county court cost	\$	86.50
Nuckolls County Locomotive-Gazette	printing and publishing	\$	188.50
Nuckolls County Treasurer	postal services, interfund transfer	\$	131,220.88
Paxton, Patricia	district court witness fees	\$	34.69
Quill Corp.	office supplies	\$	103.95
Ramada Inn	lodging	\$	231.00
Rogers, Susan	mileage & meals reimbursement	\$	158.08





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Saint Francis Medical Center	inmate medical	\$	302.15
Schmidt, Timothy S.	meals & mileage allowance	\$	157.43
Schoenholz, Phyllis	mileage, telephone and dues	\$	142.64
Schultz, Marcia	district court witness fees	\$	35.82
Skalka & Baack Law Firm	attorney fees	\$	48.50
Sourcegas	heating fuels	\$	494.66
Southeast Research & Extension Center	office equipment	\$	224.98
Stanard Appraisal Service Inc.	appraiser's fees	\$	712.00
Superior Ace Hardware	janitorial supplies & equip purchase	\$	220.50
Superior Exterminating	pest control	\$	238.00
Theobald Law Office	attorney fees	\$	472.52
Thornberry, Doris	prior service	\$	17.00
Tietjen, Mary	district court witness fees	\$	34.69
Tuttle, Charles	bailiff services	\$	300.00
UNL-Lincoln	registration fee	\$	70.00
U.S. Bank	data proc equip, build & ground sup	\$	607.63
USPS-Hasler	postal services	\$	2,000.00
Wehrman, Diana L.	misc supplies	\$	19.99
Wheeland, Mary	prior service	\$	15.00
Whitmore, Kelvin	contract labor	\$	495.00
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	telephone, internet, & fax service	\$	1,476.03
Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	document destruction	\$	25.00

## ROAD FUND

ACE Irrigation & Mfg. Co. Inc.	culverts	\$	5,733.69
ACE Machine Shop & Sales	road equipment and freight	\$	183.49
American First Aid & Safety	hospital	\$	96.77
Betka Plumbing	building & grounds repair	\$	5,380.29
C & M Supply, Inc.	equipment repair	\$	25,035.94
City of Nelson-utilities	utilities	\$	453.10
City of Superior-utilities	utilities	\$	189.11
Cooperative Producers Inc.	fuel and misc supplies	\$	10,279.12
Davenport Building Supply	buildings & grounds repair, flags	\$	346.73
Deweese Sand & Gravel Inc.	gravel and rock	\$	35,350.29
Drudik's Electric, Inc	building and grounds labor, supply	\$	802.82
Eakes Office Plus	data processing	\$	52.88
Eggers Motor Service & Sales	janitorial and misc. supplies	\$	2,789.79
Endurance Power Products	equipment repair and freight	\$	1,750.00
Faimon, Paul	prior service	\$	18.00
Garrett Tires & Treads	tires	\$	3,332.90
Hometown Leasing	office equipment	\$	145.70
John Deere Financial	equipment repairs & shop supplies	\$	192.75
R & K Services, Inc.	fuel	\$	11,940.33
Kohmetscher Feed Service, Inc	misc supplies	\$	55.00
Mainelli Wagner & Associates, Inc.	consulting fee	\$	19,861.32
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	welding supplies	\$	116.30
Medical Enterprises, Inc.	drug & alcohol testing	\$	98.00
Midwest Service & Sales Co.	grader blades	\$	1,611.00
Mikkelsen Farm & Lumber	small tools, build & ground supplies	\$	270.49



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Murphy Tractor	road equipment repair	\$	914.93
NE Assn of Co. Eng, Supt & Surv.	registration fee	\$	95.00
Nelson Food Center	office supplies	\$	7.98
Nuckolls County Locomotive-Gazette	printing and publishing	\$	45.00
Nuckolls County Treasurer	registration fee	\$	40.00
Quality Red D Mix Company	concrete	\$	6,964.15
Quill Corp.	office and janitorial supplies	\$	89.34
Sourcegas	heating fuels	\$	407.61
South Central Electric	building & grounds	\$	2,653.43
South Central Public Power District	electricity	\$	187.04
Stetson Building Products Inc	building & grounds repair	\$	840.00
Superior Ace Hardware	building & grounds, janitor supplies	\$	130.98
Superior Implement, Inc.	equipment repair	\$	27.90
Superior Motor Parts, Inc.	small tools, supplies, & parts	\$	283.09
Weldon Parts - Grand Island	equipment repair	\$	410.22
Wilson, Tom A.	prior service	\$	25.00
Wilton, Melanie	contractual services	\$	120.00
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	telephone/internet service	\$	176.47
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGER FUND</b>			
C & M Supply - Nelson	equipment fuel	\$	147.68
Stutzman, Timothy	meals reimbursement	\$	7.76
U.S. Postal Services	postal services	\$	58.00
Verizon Wireless	telephone services	\$	95.77
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	telephone services	\$	66.95
<b>GIS FUND</b>			
GIS Workshop	maintenance agreement	\$	7,750.00
<b>LIABILITY CLAIM RESERVE</b>			
Mid-American Benefits, Inc.	funding claims	\$	20,733.62
<b>911 WIRELESS SERVICE</b>			
GIS Workshop	maintenance agreement	\$	1,425.00
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	telephone service	\$	433.52
<b>911 EMERGENCY FUND</b>			
GIS Workshop	maintenance agreement	\$	1,075.00
South Central Public Power District	utilities	\$	235.69
Tyco Integrated Security LLC	maintenance agreement	\$	337.07
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	telephone service	\$	327.04

There being no further business the meeting was recessed at 2:47 p.m. until Monday, June 10, 2013.  
Michael D. Combs, Chairman  
By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk